

# Results of the 2019 CQ World Wide VHF Contest

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What a pleasant surprise for my first year as CQWW VHF Contest Director. The 27-hour contest period provided some interesting conditions with 951 logs submitted, and an additional 25 submitted as checklogs for a total of 976. This eclipsed the most recent high count of 907 logs from 2016. There was some regional e-skip in the U.S. on 2 meters early in the contest period, as shown in the log of Jay, W1VD. His comment on 3830scores.com noted: "Highlight was the sporadic-E opening(s) Saturday afternoon with nine stations worked in eight grids ... EM09 (KS), EM17 (KS), EM27 (KS), EM31 (TX), EN10 (NE), EN20 (NE), DM78 (CO), and DM79 (CO)." One of the stations that Jay contacted was Ken, WØETT, who reported that Connecticut was a new state for him on 2 meters. Wyatt, ACØRA/R, operating solo this year and despite losing almost an hour of operating time to replace the belt tensioner on his rover mobile, even managed to better the U.S. Rover score record that he and Dave, KG5CCI, had just shattered in 2018.

KJT's WSJT-X continues to impact this contest. 2017 was the first test of FT-8, 2018 was a "real" test, and 2019 was even testier with an additional 'flavor' added in to the mix, FT-4 (I sure hope Joe is not going try and top Baskin-Robbins, with 31, or more, flavors of digital modes. -JK). As was the case in 2018, there was almost always activity on 50.313 MHz and more stations tried 144.174 MHz (or other local FT-8 watering holes) for 2 meters.

Six meters was the most popular band with over 70,000 QSOs reported (in 832 logs) as compared to just shy of 9,400 QSOs on 2 meters (in 452 logs). According to the mode reported on "QSO:" lines in the logs, "PH" was the most popular, with 31,669 (45%) of the 6-meter QSOs and 5,403 (57%) of the 2-meters contacts. "DG" or "RY" was the choice for 41% of QSOs on 6 meters versus 22% of QSOs on 2 meters. "CW" was also popular on 6 meters with 9,523 contacts reported on "the origi-

nal digital mode." FM activity was significant on 2 meters with 1 in 6 QSOs reporting using the mode.

## USA

Of the 951 logs that were scored, U.S. stations in the contiguous 48 states submitted 593. By category, Single

Operator, Single Band, 6 meters was the most popular with 271 logs. Single Operator, All Band was not too far behind with 232 logs. The remaining 90 logs from U.S. participants consisted of 30 Rovers, 26 Single-op QRP, 16 Multi-op, 12 2-meter only and 6 Hilltoppers. By call area, 4-land is the champion with



Bill, W4NQP, on 6 meters and Jon, KD4AMP, on 2 meters at N4SVC, 2019's top scoring Multi-op effort (Courtesy of Steve Kostro, N2CEI)

## 2019 CQWW VHF PLAQUE WINNERS AND DONORS

### SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND

**WORLD:** Dr. Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ Memorial, sponsored by Directive Systems and the Grid Pirates.

Won by: Aleksandr Maksimov, EA8DBM

**USA:** Steve Bolia, N8BJQ Trophy. Won by: Jeff Klein, K1TEO

### SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND

**WORLD 50 MHz:** Jorge F. Rios Alvarado, XE2X Trophy. Won by: Salvatore Tortoreti, IT9XTP

**USA 50 MHz:** Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV Trophy. Won by: Dan Street, K1TO

**WORLD 144 MHz:** CQ VHF Contest Committee Trophy, sponsored by Bostjan Sever, S56P.

Won by: Bostjan Sever, S56P

**USA 144 MHz:** Chuck Dietz, W5PR Trophy. Won by: Jay Rusgrove, W1VD

### ROVER

**USA:** Northern Lights Radio Society Trophy. Won by: Wyatt Dirks, ACØRA

### MULTI-OPERATOR

**WORLD:** Dr. Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ Memorial, sponsored by Directive Systems and the Grid Pirates.

Won by: HA6W (op: HAØLC, HAØLZ, HAØMK, HAØLO, HAØMP, HA6WX, HA6ZFA, HA5OKU)

**USA:** Bob Striegl, K2DRH Trophy. Won by: N4SVC (op: KD4AMP, W4NQP, N2CEI)

### CLUB

**USA:** Director's Trophy, sponsored by JK Kalenowsky, K9JK. Won by: Society of Midwest Contesters

\*Denotes awarded to runner-up in category





*Kyle, KG6BXW, took this "selfie" during his first time Rover run (Photo by Kyle Hamilton, KG6BXW)*

First time rover Kyle, KG6BXW/R, shows his rover mobile setup at Vista Point along California's I-5 just south of Patterson, grid locator CM97kk. (Photo by Kyle Hamilton, KG6BXW)

### ROVERS & GRIDS OPERATED

AA5PR	.....DM55 DM74 DM75
ABØYM	.....DM78 DM79 DM88 DM89 DN70 DN71 DN80
ACØRA	.....EM59 EM69 EN31 EN32 EN40 EN41 EN42 EN50 EN60
AE5P	.....EM20 EM21 EM22 EM30 EM31 EM32
AE8AT	.....EM79 EN70
AF1R	.....FN32 FN33 FN42 FN43
E27DIX	.....OK02 OK03 OK04 OK05 OK06
K2EZ	.....EN69 EM79 EM89 EM99 EN41 EN50 EN51 EN52 EN60 EN80 .....EN90 FM09 FM19 FN00
K9ILT & KØPG	.....EN50 EN51 EN60 EN61
K9JK	.....EM59 EM69 EN50 EN51 EN52 EN60 EN61 EN62
KA9VVQ & W9FZ	.....EN24 EN25 EN34 EN35
KC9CSH	.....EM49 EM59 EN40 EN50
KE7MSU	.....CN85 CN86 CN87
KG6BXW	.....CM86 CM87 CM96 CM97
KK4BZ	.....FM08 FM09 FM18 FM19
KT5TE	.....EM20 EM21 EM22 EM30 EM31 EM32
N1SV	.....FN33 FN42 FN43
N2MH	.....EM81 EM82 EM92
N2SLN & KB2YSI	.....FN02 FN11 FN12 FN22 FN23
N6GP	.....DM03 DM04 DM13 DM14
N6RH	.....EM20 EM21 EM22 EM30 EM31 EM32
N8OC	.....EN57 EN67 EN73 EN74 EN75 EN76 EN83
N9GH	.....EN51 EN61
NU4E & W4EEY	.....EM84 EM85
NV4B/R	.....EM51 EM52 EM53 EM61 EM62
RAØLQ	.....KN51 KN52 KN62
VA3ELE	.....EN93 EN94 FN03
VE3OIL	.....FN24 FN25 FN35 FN36 FN46
W1RGA	.....FN32 FN33 FN42 FN43
W3DHJ	.....DM77 DM78 DM87 DM88
W4POT	.....EL99 EM90
WA4JA	.....EM65 EM66
WB2SIH & W2LYN	.....FN21 FN22 FN31 FN32 FN33
WD9HBF	.....EM59 EN40 EN41 EN50 EN51

### QSO & GRID LEADERS

6-Meter QSOs	2-Meter QSOs
K1TO .....	HA6W .....
K1TEO .....	E27AAA .....
N4BP .....	E27AC .....
N4SVC .....	E22EEO .....
KC4PX .....	S56P .....
ACØRA/R .....	HA8IH .....
EA8DBM .....	W4VHF .....
IT9XTP .....	142
N4EEB .....	K1TEO .....
W5PR .....	E23SGP .....
WA4GPM .....	ACØRA/R .....
KØSIX .....	DL2OM .....
K2DRH .....	HS9JGQ .....
K5QE .....	9A1I .....
KU8E .....	HS6LFC .....
	W1VD .....

### 6-Meter Grids

6-Meter Grids	2-Meter Grids
ACØRA/R .....	97
EA8DBM .....	ACØRA/R .....
K1TO .....	HA6W .....
KC4PX .....	S56P .....
W5PR .....	W4VHF .....
N4SVC .....	HA8IH .....
N4BP .....	W1VD .....
IT9XTP .....	K5QE .....
DL2OM .....	DL2OM .....
K5QE .....	W3SO .....
WA4GPM .....	K2DRH .....
K9FA .....	N8GA .....
N4EEB .....	K1TEO .....
XE2X .....	Y02LSP .....
EA6VQ .....	N2NT .....
	406BLM .....







